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Conn. Toymaker Idles 150 Because Of 'Buyer Wariness'

NEW HAVEN (AP)—The A. C. Gilbert Co. has announced layoffs of about 150 workers due chiefly to what it called "buyer wariness."

The toy manufacturers said difficulty to obtaining certain materials also was partly responsible for the layoffs, but it added that it had plenty of steel on hand.

A company spokesman said buyers are uncertain of consumer purchases for the Christmas season and expect a dropoff in sales. Therefore, he said, the buyers are making smaller purchases than normally and the company's inventory is larger than usual necessitating the personnel cutback.